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Dear Career and Technical Teachers and Administrators,

We are extremely pleased to provide you and your students with Course Assessments (Pre Tests and Post Tests) to pilot from Precision Exams <http://www.precisionexams.com/indiana/> along with our previously developed Indiana specific course assessments in the following five courses:

- ★ Personal Financial Responsibility
- ★ Preparing for College and Careers
- ★ Nutrition and Wellness
- ★ Interpersonal Relationships
- ★ Child Development

The five Indiana assessments are all **standards-based** (CLOSELY tied to the course standards), **online**, **secure**, and designed to be completed in a typical class period. Time accommodations are allowed. Data analysis confirms that the assessments contains highly **valid** and **reliable** tests and test items. **Test results** will be made available to the student and teacher immediately upon completion of the test. Teacher reports of Pre Tests will help teachers **target instruction** on those domains most challenging to the students. Pre Test/Post Test administration will yield reports of **growth data** that you can use for student assessment and program evaluation. You establish passing scores at the local level.

The precision exams are all **standards based, online, secure** and designed to be completed in a typical class period. Conducting a pilot of these exams is important to determine if they meet the needs of Indiana teachers and students and determine their evaluation of Indiana Standards. Please have students pilot exams that the blueprint closely relates to the standards for the course. **Teachers are not to take the exam. This is a violation of test security.**

- ★ As before, your use of these assessments is **voluntary**. They are not mandatory.
- ★ As before, these assessments and data reports are available to you at **no cost** to your school.
- ★ As before, for the five Indiana assessments the **Assessment Guide** booklets give you detailed standards-based content outlines, test blueprints, and more useful information. Because the tests and test items are secure, you cannot have copies of the test, much like our other statewide ECAs. You will use the booklets or the test blueprints in lieu of the tests themselves for communicating your student assessment plans to your administrators.
- ★ Test blueprints for each of the Precision Exam assessments show the content that is covered by the assessment and how the content is allocated on the test. Because the tests and test items are secure, you cannot have copies of the test.
- ★ As before, the five Indiana assessments are **one semester courses** so you would administer the Pre Test close to the beginning of the semester, trimester, or quarter and the Post Test close to the end of that same semester, trimester, or quarter. This assessment opportunity is available for both **fall and spring** semesters. The Precision Exams may be for semester or year courses so administer as appropriate.
- ★ As before, we have contracted with the **test vendor** Precision Exams.

Please read the following to get started. If you have questions about the specifics of participating, please send them to Best, best wishes as you begin your semester.

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Assessment Protocol

Welcome back! We want to thank all of you who participated in last year's CTE Course Assessments. We look forward to working with you school this year and will again be offering Assessments (Pre Tests and Post Tests for the following CTE Courses:

- ★ Preparing for College and Careers
- ★ Nutrition and Wellness
- ★ Personal Financial Responsibility
- ★ Child Development
- ★ Interpersonal Relationships

Additionally, we will offer **all CTE teachers** the opportunity to pilot assessments from Precision exams battery of over 150 assessments. Click on the below link to access the assessment.

<https://www.precisionexams.com/?q=node/7>

The ideal timeline for administering the Pre Tests will be within the first **two to three weeks** of your school's semester or trimester, or during **week two** if your school is on the quarter system

To register, you will need your SPN. *All licensed teachers are issued an SPN. These can be located by printing a copy of your license from the LVIS system. Another possible method to locate your SPN is contact your school administration or human resources. If you are not able to locate your SPN, you can still register by checking the Register without a Proctor ID option.*

Below is a link for a webex recording of the new assessment system. The demo is performed by employees of Precision Exams with a few participants reacting to the system and asking some frequently asked questions. They walk you through the entire process to begin giving the assessments. Some of the topics featured include: teacher registration, student registration, proctoring the exams, generating reports, immediate assistance options, and timing issues.

<http://youtu.be/ljtYV-FD2xw>

Please review the demo and/or the training guides offered by Precision Exams. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask so we can assist you in this process.